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a tension element having two ends, which is connected with its one end to a forward region of the first spring element and connected with its other end at said heel region of the second spring element,

wherein said tension element is structured and arranged to be able to transmit only a tension force between its one end and its other end.

✓10 (represented in independent form- currently amended)

A foot prosthesis comprising:

a first spring element extending from a toe region to a lower leg region;
a second spring element extending from a heel region to said lower leg region;
said spring elements being connected to each other at said lower leg region; and
a tension element having two ends, which is connected with its one end to a forward region of the first spring element and connected with its other end at said heel region of the second spring element,

wherein the first and second spring elements are each a leaf spring having a ground-side surface, the springs being arranged and structured to rest against each other with their ground-side surfaces facing each other.

✓11 (previously added). The foot prosthesis as claimed in claim 10, wherein said tension element is firmly connected to the ground-side surface of the forward region of the first spring element and of the heel region of the second spring element.

12 (previously added). The foot prosthesis as claimed in claim 10, wherein said tension element is fixed at the forward end of said first spring element on an upper side thereof such, said first spring element having a slit-like opening in said forward region through which said tension element is fed toward said second spring element.

✓13 (previously added). The foot prosthesis as claimed in claim 9, further comprising an adapter that connects the spring elements at the lower leg region for connection to a lower leg portion.

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✓14 (previously added). The foot prosthesis as claimed in claim 9, wherein said tension element is a ribbon-like element.

✓15 (previously added). The foot prosthesis as claimed in claim 9, wherein said tension element is firmly connected to a ground-side of each of said spring elements.

16 (represented in independent form- currently amended).

A foot prosthesis comprising:

a first spring element extending from a toe region to a lower leg region;
a second spring element extending from a heel region to said lower leg region;
said spring elements being connected to each other at said lower leg region; and
a tension element having two ends, which is connected with its one end to a
forward region of the first spring element and connected with its other end at said heel
region of the second spring element,

wherein said tension element is fixed at the forward end of said first spring
element on an upper side thereof such, said first spring element having a slit-like
opening in said forward region through which said tension element is fed toward said
second spring element.

17 (previously added). The foot prosthesis as claimed in claim 9, wherein said
first and second spring elements are formed as a concave shape when viewed from the
top.

18 (previously added). The foot prosthesis as claimed in claim 9, wherein said
first and second spring elements comprise a carbon fiber composite material and said
tension element comprises a stretch-free material.

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